

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 18, 2005

SENATE BILL

No. 622

Introduced by Senator Speier

February 22, 2005

An act to add Chapter 9.8 (commencing with Section 6270) to Title 7 of Part 3 of the Penal Code, relating to correctional facilities.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 622, as amended, Speier. Correctional facilities: ~~charter schools~~ *educational programs*.

Existing law prescribes the authority and duties of the Youth and Adult Correctional Agency with regard to state correctional facilities and prisoners or wards.

This bill would require the Youth and Adult Correctional Agency to create ~~a charter school~~ *an educational* program within each of its correctional facilities that would provide a basic education for every inmate or ward, except as specified. The bill would require each ~~charter school~~ *educational* program to consist of specified components, and would require the agency to annually report its findings to the Legislature in that regard. ~~The bill would further require that those reports be made public~~ *The bill would require funding of the program through the annual budget process, and not from moneys appropriated by the state for school districts and community college districts, as specified.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 9.8 (commencing with Section 6270) is added to Title 7 of Part 3 of the Penal Code, to read:

CHAPTER 9.8. ~~CHARTER SCHOOLS~~ EDUCATIONAL
PROGRAMS

6270. Within 180 days after the effective date of the act adding this chapter, the Youth and Adult Correctional Agency shall implement a year-round ~~charter school~~ *educational program* at every state or privately operated Department of Corrections facility and Department of the Youth Authority facility.

6271. Each ~~charter school~~ *educational program* shall provide a basic education for every inmate or ward, excluding those sentenced to death or serving life sentences without possibility of parole. The Department of Corrections and the Department of the Youth Authority shall establish and implement an effective intake assessment protocol and progress assessment procedures.

6272. The ~~charter school~~ *educational program* shall include, but not be limited to, the following components: identification and assessment; placement and intervention; orientation; postrelease; goal oriented progress reports; outcome measures; parental and family involvement; vocational certification; advisory committees utilizing academicians from universities; certified instructors; health and safety procedures; sensitivity to racial, ethnic, and cultural balances; admissions criteria; accountability and audits; maximum class sizes; evaluation procedures; public comment; dispute resolution; access to records; peer counseling; drug and alcohol therapy; anger management skills; prevention and relapse; mental, emotional, spiritual, and physical health skills; violence prevention skills; community restoration; victim awareness; victim recovery; employment skills, including mock interviews; parenting skills; drivers education; critical thinking; organizational skills; study habit skills; tutoring; sexual abuse recovery; mentoring; physical education; nutrition; dress code; housing skills; resume writing; computer literacy; telephone etiquette; graduation ceremonies; visual and performing arts; foreign language; disciplinary

1 procedures; personal hygiene; culinary; banking; collaboration
2 with parole units; crisis intervention; counseling; and a plan for
3 the ~~charter school~~ *educational program* to operate during
4 lock-downs.

5 6273. If a particular facility will be unable to meet the
6 180-day deadline specified in Section 6270, within 30 days after
7 the effective date of the act adding this chapter, the Youth and
8 Adult Correctional Agency shall submit to the Governor and the
9 Legislature in writing the reason for which the facility will be
10 unable meet that deadline.

11 6274. The Youth and Adult Correctional Agency shall
12 annually report to the Legislature all findings, outcomes, and
13 statistics collected with regard to the ~~charter school~~ *educational*
14 *program*. The Youth and Adult Correctional Agency shall also
15 make this information available to the public.

16 6275. (a) *The Youth and Adult Correctional Agency shall*
17 *receive funding for the educational programs established*
18 *pursuant to this chapter at a per pupil in attendance rate*
19 *equivalent to the statewide average adult education revenue limit*
20 *per unit of average daily attendance determined pursuant to*
21 *Section 52616.16 of the Education Code.*

22 (b) *For purposes of this section, one unit of pupil attendance*
23 *shall be the full time equivalent of one pupil attending 540 class*
24 *hours of instruction.*

25 (c) *Funding shall be provided through the annual budget*
26 *process and shall not be considered to be moneys applied by the*
27 *state for allocation to school districts or community college*
28 *districts, as used in subdivision (b) of Section 8 of Article XVI of*
29 *the California Constitution.*